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New Orleans, La.

Dear Dave,

I did not forget. I didn't get home until early yesterday a.m. Every time I go to New Orleans I become more fascinated with your city and more embroiled with the as yet really unplumbed story there. Each time I return loaded with more work, each time I get a little farthur behind in work.

Butler is a professional Communist-seeker. The minute he stops seeing Communists where there are none, the minute he and those like him cannot longer convince the wealthy people on whose funds they live of the non-existent Red danger, they lose their gravy trains. Usually they protest there is nothing they'd like better. It is a facile falsity.

Thus they have Oswald a Communist when the evidence is exactly the opposite, as they have him the assassin when the evidence is that he could not have been. The problem usually is that they improvise "fact" for each occasion. Most people, accustomed to taking the word of those they hear, are not informed in sufficient detail to detect the subtle lies that are the stock in trade of these parasites on the rich and deceivers of the general public. I regret it is not possible for me to fly down to appear in opposition. I have no Swhicks and other rich supporters, and I have no funds. However, I do remind you of your promise of a sound tape and the opportunity of response. Please, also, get Butler to specify whether he appears in any special capacity, such as vice-president of INCA, for if he libels me again, while I will not hold you or the station responsible, I may want to do something.

You'll get some kind of glib nonsense in response, but I think your audience will understand that the Marine Corps was not awarding secret security clearances to known Communists (Oswald In New Orleans, pp 85 ff). Since writing this, I have learned that Oswald had a top-secret clearance.

From Volume 16 of the Commission's published material I enclose several selections of Oswald's violently anti-Communist writings, his secret ex ressions that are consistent with his public acts and his total lack of any known left-wing associates. Page 120 - he "despises" socialism. Page 122, "As soon as I became completely disgusted with the Soviet Union". Page 422 is worth reading in full.

These are the best copies I can make with my copier, but I am confident that Garrison's office will Xerox clearer ones if you ask.

From page 101 of Oswald In New Orleans is the document Garrison cited in attempting to subpena Allen Dulles, former CIA head and Commission member. The federal government has made service of the subpena impossible. Here you have someone representing an Oswald in New Orleans when the real Lee Harvey was in the Soviet Union. Note also the amazing evasiveness of the FBI, which quotes the source of its information as saying he had turned the form over, as though the agents do not know whether or not it was given them!

From my files, from Commission File No. 179, another and likewise suppressed false "Oswald", also in New Orleans and also at a time when the genuine article was in the USSR

Page 11 of the FBI report of November 8, 1963, shows that among the FBI's excellent sources of information, Oswald was entirely unknown in Cuban activities. Page 12 shows he was unknown to those FBI sources cognizant of Communist activities. (It would be interesting if Butler were the "confidential informant who made the transcript of the "debate" available to the FBI.) And is it not interesting that the official transcript of the "debate" is edited to eliminate Oswald's claim to have been"under the protection" of the US government while in Russia? This is in Oswald In New Orleans, page 132.

From Volume 4, page 435, the incredible testimony of FBI Agent John

Lester Quigley that "it is not unusual" for so-called "Communists" to demand interviews with the FBI when arrested. After asking for this interview, we are told, Oswald refused to answer questions. Naturally, this was not "to give the New Orleans police the idea that he was working for or with the FBI". Perish the thought! It is just that "Communists" so love and trust the FBI!

Oswald's self-serving establishment of connections with left-wing out-of-town groups is reported in Volume 17. However, in New Orleans, where he lived and could pull no such stunts, he was unknown in such circles (page 764 of Exhibit No. 826). What is known about Oswald In New Orleans is that he told then-Lt. Martello that the Russians were "fat, stinking politicians", a new kind of "dedication" to "Communism".

If you would like more on this, please phone me and I'll stop what I'm doing and locate and send it. I think it is obvious that Oswald was not as this professional propagandists would deceive the people into believing, that he was not any kind of a "Communist".

Thinking it also might be of some interest to you and your audience because it is entirely ignored in the Warren Report, I send you a copy of an FBI report of December 20, 1963 that, despite the typographical error in it, says Oswald re-entered the United States "the same day" that "his brother" entered Mexico. How well the FBI knew Oswald's brother did no such thing! Thus, all the reason the Warren Report needed for suppressing the extra Oswalds all over the scene.

I dowant to thank you for your fairness on this subject. Without the dedication to the presentation of both sides of this vital national issue by such stations as yours, the American people would know much less of the dubious inquest with which their martyred President was consigned to history by the government that thereby came into power.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg

P.S. Please return the enclosures when you havef finished with them. If you would like to make and keep copies, bu all means do so. I can supply you with copies of anything quoted in any or my books, for in each case I have the document in my possession.

It would serve a public purpose if you could get Butler to specify on the record all the sources of all the funds of all of his organizations, from INCA to his new west-coast expensive slickie magazine, particularly whether in any of his capacities he hhd any kind of federal connections of any character. It would be nice to know whether such groups as the Anti-Defamation League of the B'nai Brith consider any of his financiers, supporters and associates anti-semitic.

I should have pointed out that the Friends of Democratic Cuba is the fore-runner of INCA, hence Butler should be able to explain the Deslatte document, tell you how it is that the name "Oswald" was offered for the truck deal when Lee Harvey was in the USSR. He might also be able to tell you whether there was a Bill Dalzell connected with this group, the one that he now runs, and whether Dalzell had any kind of CIA connection. The Warren Commission, naturally, did not go into this, but if you want New Orleans witnesses who will tell you that Dalzell told them he did work for CIA, I can give you the names.